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The SUSTAIN-EU Project: *European Sustainability Expert*

Organizations from six European Union countries – Portugal, Ireland, Romania, Austria, Italy and Germany - joined forces into one project team and launched the SUSTAIN-EU project. The project aims to facilitate access to high-quality, future-oriented upskilling and reskilling opportunities for individuals (employees, learners, professionals and jobseekers) enabling them to qualify as Sustainability Experts. SUSTAIN-EU started on 1st Nov 2024 and will run for 24 months. Over the next two years, we will develop and share a new VET curriculum and qualification, that builds on the latest green skills intelligence, that is highly compatible and adaptable to the changing skills needs powered by the green and digital transitions.

Grounded in principles of environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic prosperity, the SUSTAIN-EU project will play a vital role in addressing EU skills shortages and building a skilled workforce capable of driving sustainable growth and development in line with the objectives of the EU Green Deal and the European Skills Agenda. Recognising this gap, the SUSTAIN-EU project will introduce the European Sustainability Expert (ESE) course, fully online with open access to all professionals, learners, and jobseekers that wish to qualify as a Sustainability Expert in order to take up new job opportunities and pursue career advancements within the European labour market.

Throughout the project work, the partnership will ensure the delivery of the necessary inputs, improvements and solutions by developing and sharing the following innovative results:

- *The European Sustainability Expert Curriculum with the ESE Professional Profile and Competence Matrix at EQF Level 5;*
- *The European Sustainability Expert eLearning course with intelligent tutoring and Certificates of Competence;*
- *The SUSTAIN-EU CPD programme for VET professionals building an understanding of green economy and emergent labour market requirements.*

Furthermore, the consortium will strongly encourage broad distribution and usage of the SUSTAIN-EU results among relevant VET professionals, trainees and policy-makers providing their expertise and sharing the project results on testing & piloting events, national events, and the Final Conference in Portugal. All these training resources will be freely available through the project website and accessible through our Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages.

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